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Sent to the senate by Mr. Beall.

The bill for erecting a town at the mouth of Susquehanna river in Harford county, and for appointing commissioners to regulate and govern the same, was read the second time and passed. Sent to the senate by Mr. Norris.

Mr. Faw brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill to vest in Philip Nollart, of Frederick county, certain lots of land therein mentioned, which was committed for amendments; which was

read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Samuel Hughes, Eig; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill for the regulation of the markets in Baltimore-town, endorsed: "By the senate, January 24, 1786: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

J DORSEY, clk. By order, By the senate, February 13, 1786: Read the second time and will pass with the proposed 44 amendments.

"By order, J. DORSEY, clk." Amendments proposed. In the 2d page and 1st line, after the word "that," strike out "they," and insert "the commissioners of Baltimore-town, or the major part of them." In page 3, strike out the preamble and first enacting clause.

Which amendments were read, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

On motion, the question was put, That the several petitions on the subject of manufactures, be referred to the next session of assembly? The year and nays being called for by Mr. Faw appeared as follow:

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Mef.	Stone,	Adams, Ennalls,	N E G Ramsey, Faw,	A T	C I V I	ε.	Steret,	Fank.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Robert Bowie appeared in the house.

The house adjourns till 5 o'clock.

MERIDIEM.

The house met.

Mr. Ramsey from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

THE committee appointed to confider the memorial of Sick Keefar, late first lieutenant of the ship Pallas, on behalf of himself and thity four others, inhabitants of Bengal and China, transmitted by the honourable the supreme executive council of Pennsylvania, beg leave to report, That although the committee have used their best endeavours to obtain testimony relative to the facts stated in the aforesaid memorial, their efforts have been ineffectual, no person having appeared on behalf of the memorialists to verify the charges contained in their representation; that captain O'Donnell, commander of the ship Pallas, against whom the memorialists complain, voluntatily appeared before the committee, and in exculpating himself from the charges made against him, produced the following testimonials of his innocence, and of the groundless affertions contained in the memorial, to wit:

W E the undermentioned persons, do of our own accord and will hereby declare, that we came from Batavia, to Baltimore in America, with Mr. John O'Donnell, as mariners, and that on our arrival, having unloaded his ship, we have requested our discharge, which has been given us, and that we have received all our wages and arrears of wages, to this day, and that we have now no further claim on the said Mr. O'Donnell, we also, in justice to the said Mr. O'Donnell, further declare, that he has offered to keep us all in his ship, and send her and us out to India the ensuing season, and continue our usual wages, but that we have declined remaining any longer, not from any fault or ill treatment, but from a hope that we shall meet with a more immediate paffage from Philade phia; and we do hereby acquit the faid Mr. O'Donnell of any future claim or prosecution on this account. (Which faid instrument was figned by Sick Keesar, and thirty-one others.)

I James Pringle, do hereby declare, that I have explained in the Moors language the contents of the above declaration to the before-mentioned people, and that they have voluntarily figned the

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fame.

JAMES PRINGLE, chief officer. I do hereby affert, that the above was figned before me. THOMAS ELLIOT.

WE the underfigned, do hereby affirm and declare, that Mr. John O'Donnell, captain and owner of the ship Pallas, did not use any force with his people to oblige them to proceed the voyage from China to America, but that on the contrary, they appeared satisfied at Batavia to come to America, on Mr. O'Donnell's promise to send them out again to India, on their usual allowances; we also testify, that Mr. O'Donnell repeatedly offered to send them out in his ship,